

THE MOSQUITOS OF ACCRA

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The following list of the mosquitos which have been collected at Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa, is of some interest as showing the great abundance of these insects in some places in Africa.

All the sixty-eight species were found within the municipal boundary of Accra. This area, which is about three and a half miles long and two miles broad, is situated on the sea coast and surrounded on the land side by an arid plain, mostly bare, uncultivated, grass-land. It includes the town of Accra itself, the suburbs of Christiansborg and Adabraka and their immediate environs, two lagoons, but no forest land. The area would not, therefore, appear to be exceptionally favourable for the maintenance of a large number of different mosquitos.

The area has been rather thoroughly searched for mosquitos during the last few years, by Graham (1908), by Connal (1912), and by ourselves (1914 to 1923), and, moreover, is now-a-days very carefully watched by the Public Health Authorities, to one of whom, Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, we are indebted for the larvae of several species not previously recorded. Nevertheless, it is probable that other species still await detection, for up to the present additions have been made almost every year, and some parts of the area have not yet been thoroughly explored.

Finally, it should be clearly stated that, notwithstanding the large number of species known to occur in it, Accra is not a place where mosquitos are exceptionally numerous or troublesome; on the contrary, in the part where Europeans mostly reside they are comparatively rare, and the whole area must be regarded as usually relatively mosquito-free.

Mosquitos recorded as occurring within the municipal area of
Accra :—

<i>Aedes (Aediomorphus) furcifer</i> , Edw.	<i>Culex duttoni</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes (Banksinella) fuscineruis</i> , Edw.	<i>Culex fatigans</i> , Wied.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>lineatopennis</i> , Lud.	<i>Culex grabami</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes (Ochlerotatus) abnormalis</i> , Theo.	<i>Culex guiarti</i> , Blanch.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>albocephalus</i> , Theo.	<i>Culex horridus</i> , Edw. (<i>Protomelanocanion</i> <i>fusca</i> , Theo.)
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>apicoannulatus</i> , Edw.	<i>Culex (Micraedes) inconspicuus</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>caliginosus</i> , Graham	<i>Culex insignis</i> , Cart.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>domesticus</i> , Theo.	<i>Culex (Culiciomyia) macfiei</i> , Edw.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>hirsutus</i> , Theo.	<i>Culex</i> „ <i>nebulosus</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>irritans</i> , Theo.	<i>Culex ornatothoracis</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>minutus</i> , Theo.	<i>Culex perfidiosus</i> , Edw.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>minutus</i> var. <i>bian-</i> <i>nulatus</i> , Theo.	<i>Culex perfuscus</i> , Edw.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>nigricephalus</i> , Theo.	<i>Culex quasigelidus</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>ochraceus</i> , Theo.	<i>Culex rima</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>punctothoracis</i> , Theo.	<i>Culex thalassius</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>tarsalis</i> , Newst.	<i>Culex thalassius</i> var. <i>fuscus</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>wellmani</i> , Theo.	<i>Culex tritaeniorhynchus</i> , Giles.
<i>Aedes (Stegomyia) apicoargenteus</i> , Theo.	<i>Eretmopodites quinquevittatus</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>argenteus</i> , Poiret (<i>Stegomyia fasciata</i> , F.)	<i>Ficalbia (Etorleptomyia) mediolineata</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>luteocephalus</i> , Newst.	<i>Lutzia tigris</i> , Gpre.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>metallicus</i> , Edw.	<i>Lutzia tigris</i> var. <i>fusca</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>simpsoni</i> , Theo.	<i>Mimomyia hispida</i> , Theo.
<i>Aedes</i> „ <i>unilineatus</i> , Theo.	<i>Mimomyia plumosa</i> , Theo.
<i>Aediomyia africana</i> , N-L.	<i>Mimomyia splendens</i> , Theo.
<i>Anopheles (Anopheles) mauritanus</i> , Gpre.	<i>Mucidus mucidus</i> , Karsch.
<i>Anopheles (Myzomyia) costalis</i> , Lw.	<i>Mucidus scatophagoides</i> , Theo.
<i>Anopheles</i> „ <i>domicolus</i> , Edw.	<i>Taeniorhynchus (Mansonioides) africanus</i> , Theo.
<i>Anopheles</i> „ <i>funestus</i> , Giles.	<i>Taeniorhynchus (Mansonioides) uniformis</i> , Theo.
<i>Anopheles</i> „ <i>marshalli</i> , Theo.	<i>Uranotaenia balfouri</i> , Theo.
<i>Anopheles</i> „ <i>pbaroensis</i> , Theo.	<i>Uranotaenia connali</i> , Edw.
<i>Anopheles</i> „ <i>umbrosus</i> , Theo.	<i>Uranotaenia masbonaensis</i> , Theo.
<i>Culex annulioris</i> , Theo.	<i>Uranotaenia mayeri</i> , Edw.
<i>Culex consimilis</i> , Newst.	<i>Chaoborus ceratopogones</i> , Theo.
<i>Culex decens</i> , Theo.	
<i>Culex decens</i> var. <i>invidiosus</i> , Theo.	